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November 13, 2008

Mr. James R. Galloway File Clerk Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 North Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Docket No. 24481 - Designation of Common Carriers As Eligible
Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) to Receive Federal Universal Service Funds
Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and
Order Adopting a State Certification Process

Dear Mr. Galloway:

On behalf of AMA TechTel Communications (AMA TechTel the Company), attached is an executed affidavit in compliance with P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.418(j)(2) regarding the state's annual certification process for use of Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) support.

The Company has previously received Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation in various exchanges/wire centers of AT&T Texas (AT&T) and Windstream Communications Southwest (Windstream) in Docket No. 28401 by order dated October 6, 2003 and Docket No. 29366 by order dated April 1, 2004. AMA TechTel was designated as an ETC by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) in all remaining Texas exchanges/wire centers of AT&T and Windstream for which it did not already have such designation in Docket No. 36134, effective October 26, 2008.

In order to receive FUSF support for 2009, an ETC was required to have its affidavit filed with the PUC by September 1, 2008 so that the PUC could file its state certification with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and USAC by October 1. AMA TechTel filed such an affidavit pertaining to the wire centers/exchanges for which it had already received ETC designation. However, PUC Substantive Rule 26.418(j)(2) allows for subsequent certifications to be filed with the PUC. Also, FCC rules, 47 C.F.R. §54.314(d)(6)(vi) allow a newly designated ETC to receive federal USF support as of the effective date of its ETC designation provided that the PUC files its certification within 60 days of the effective date of the ETC designation.

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The Company respectfully requests that the PUC certify to the FCC and USAC that AMA TechTel is eligible to receive federal high cost support in all Texas wire centers of AT&T and Windstream effective October 26, 2008 and during 2009.

Sincerely,

Jean Langkop by 897

Authorized Representative for AMA TechTel Communications

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cc: Mr. Dell Purdy, AMA TechTel Communications

Ms. Liz Kayser, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Competitive Markets

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STATE CERTIFICATION PROCESS	§	

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF RANDALL

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Douglas Campbell of AMA TechTel Communications (the Company) who said under oath:

- 1. My name is Douglas Campbell. I am employed by AMA TechTel Communications in the position of Vice-President. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how the Company uses these funds.
- 2. The Company was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) by the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket No. 28401 by order dated October 6, 2003, in Docket No 29366 by order dated April 1, 2004, and in Docket No. 36134 by order dated October 24, 2008. The study area code for the area where the Company has been designated as an ETC is 449020. The Company is a competitive ETC designated in the study areas of both a rural and non-rural carrier.
- 3. The Federal Universal Service support funds received by the Company are used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with §254(e) of the

Federal Telecommunications Act. These funds will be used to provide the supported services designated in 47 C.F.R. §54.101 which are available throughout the Company's study area.

4. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

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